$750,000 La Troienne presented by Signify Health (Grade I)

38th Running – Friday, May 5, 2023 (Spring Meet – Kentucky Oaks Day)
Fillies & Mares, 4-Year-Olds & Up at 1 1/16 Miles on Dirt at Churchill Downs
Stakes Record – 1:42.09, Authenticity (2013)
Track Record – 1:41.04, Successful Dan (2012)

Name Origin: Formally known as the Louisville Breeders' Cup Handicap (1986-2007) and Louisville Distaff (2008-09), it was renamed to honor the La Troienne in 2010. The race currently known as the Eight Belles was known as the La Troienne from 1967-2008. Former Churchill Downs racing secretary Allan "Doc" Lavin wanted to name an event for the great foundation mare La Troienne (1926-54), who produced 14 foals – 12 raced and 10 were winners, including four stakes winners with seven stakes victories. Owing to the success of her descendants, she was listed as a Cluster Mare, which is a Thoroughbred broodmare that has produced two or more winners of five or more of the eight most important and valuable races, within six generations. She came in time to be described as "the most important producer to be brought across the Atlantic Ocean in this century."

Year (Race No.) Dis. (Starters)	Winner (Age/Sex) Owner(s)	Jockey (Weight) Trainer	Second Third	Time (Condition) Odds (Margin)	Sire Bred (Color)	Gross Purse-Gr. Winner's Share-#
2022-May 6 (6th) 1 1/16 Miles (7)	**Pauline's Pearl (4f)** Stonestreet Stables LLC	Joel Rosario (123) Steve Asmussen	O-Shedaresthedevil* Ava's Grace	1:42.46 (fast) 1.90-1 (1/2 length)	Tapit Kentucky (Gr or Ro.)	$750,000-Gr. I $455,700—37
2021-April 30 (8th) 1 1/16 Miles (7)	**O-Shedaresthedevil (4f)*** Flurry Racing Stables, Qatar Racing Ltd. & Big Aut Farms	Florent Geroux (123) Brad Cox	Envoutante Finite	1:42.69 (fast) 1.70-1 (1 length)	Daredevil Kentucky (B.)	$500,000-Gr. I $303,800—36
2020-Sept 4 (11th) 1 1/16 Miles (8)	**OF-Monomoy Girl (5m)*** Michael Dubb, Monomoy Stables LLC, The Ellstone Group LLC & Bethlehem Stables LLC	Florent Geroux (123) Brad Cox	Lady Kate Horologist	1:42.14 (fast) 0.40-1 (1 ¾ lengths)	Tapizar Kentucky (Ch.)	$500,000-Gr. I $300,700—35
2019-May 3 (8th) 1 1/16 Miles (9)	**She's a Julie (4f)** Whispering Oaks Farm LLC, Team Hanley, Tim & Anne Cambron, Bradley Thoroughbreds & Madaket Stables LLC	Ricardo Santana Jr. (118) Steve Asmussen	Secret Spice Blue Prize-ARG*	1:43.58 (fast) 5.00-1 (1/2 length)	Elusive Quality Kentucky (B.)	$500,000-Gr. I $297,600—34
2018-May 4 (6th) 1 1/16 Miles (6)	**Salty (4f)** Gary Barber, Baccari Racing Stable & Chester Prince	Tyler Gaffalione (118) Mark Casse	Farrell Martini Glass	1:43.78 (fast) 4.20-1 (1 ¾ lengths)	Quality Road Kentucky (B.)	$350,000-Gr. I $214,830—33
2017-May 5 (5th) 1 1/16 Miles (8)	**Big World (4f)** Maggi Moss	Florent Geroux (118) Tom Amoss	Romantic Vision Streamline	1:44.91 (sloppy) 7.00-1 (1 ¼ lengths)	Custom for Carlos Louisiana (B.)	$300,000-Gr. I $180,420—32
2016-May 6 (6th) 1 1/16 Miles (6)	**Curalina (4f)** Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	John Velazquez (118) **Todd Pletcher**	Engaginglee Sheer Drama*	1:42.45 (fast) 2.30-1 (7 ½ lengths)	Curlin Kentucky (Ch.)	$300,000-Gr. I $184,140—31
2015-May 1 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (9)	**Molly Morgan (6m)** W.D. Cubbedge	Corey Lanerie (120) Dale Romans	Sheer Drama* Gold Medal Dancer	1:43.25 (fast) 5.50-1 (¾ length)	Ghostzapper Kentucky (B.)	$300,000-Gr. I $178,560—30
2014-May 2 (5th) 1 1/16 Miles (6)	**On Fire Baby (5m)*** Anita Cauley	Joe Johnson (118) Gary Hartage	Molly Morgan Devil's Cave	1:43.48 (fast) 1.60-1 (2 ¾ lengths)	Smoke Glacken Kentucky (Gr. or Ro.)	$327,000-Gr. I $200,713—29
2013-May 3 (6th) 1 1/16 Miles (7)	**Authenticity (6m)** Padua Stables	John Velazquez (118) **Todd Pletcher**	On Fire Baby Believe You Can*	**1:42.09** (fast) 5.10-1 (head)	Quiet American Kentucky (B.)	$335,100-Gr. II $203,607—28
2012-May 4 (6th) 1 1/16 Miles (7)	**Juanita (4f)** William and Graydon Patterson	Ramon Dominguez (118) Mike Maker	St. John's River O-Plum Pretty*	1:42.82 (fast) **16.70-1** (2 lengths)	Mineshaft Kentucky (Dk. B. or Br.)	$327,000-Gr. II $198,686—27
2011-May 6 (6th) 1 1/16 Miles (8)	**O-Blind Luck (4f)*** Mark DeDomenico LLC, John Carver, Peter Abruzzo & Jerry Hollendorfer	Garrett Gomez (119) Jerry Hollendorfer	Unrivaled Belle All Due Respect	1:42.93 (fast) 1.40-1 (1/2 length)	Pollard's Vision Kentucky (Ch.)	$333,900-Gr. II $200,808—26
2010-Apr 30 (6th) 1 1/16 Miles (6)	**Unrivaled Belle (4f)** Gary Seidler & Peter Vegso	Kent Desormeaux (120) Bill Mott	O-Rachel Alexandra* Morena-PER	1:42.97 (fast) 9.40-1 (head)	Unbridled's Song Kentucky (Gr. or Ro.)	$418,800-Gr. II $265,659—25
2009-May 1 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (6)	**Miss Isella (4f)** Domino Stud of Lex LLC	**Calvin Borel** (122) Ian Wilkes	One Caroline* Swift Temper	1:42.75 (good) 8.70-1 (3/4 lengths)	Silver Charm Kentucky (Gr. or Ro.)	$379,700-Gr. II $233,990—24
2008-May 2 (6th) 1 1/16 Miles (5)	**Ginger Punch (5m)*** Stronach Stables	Rafael Bejarano (124) Bobby Frankel	Leah's Secret Lear's Princess	1:43.08 (fast) 0.50-1 (3 ¾ lengths)	Awesome Again Florida (Ch.)	$268,200-Gr. II $148,924—23
2007-May 4 (8th) 1 1/16 Miles (6)	**Fiery Pursuit (4f)** Overbrook Farm	**Calvin Borel** (118) D. Wayne Lukas	Asi Siempre Baghdaria	1:44.11 (sloppy) 11.80-1 (head)	Carson City Kentucky (Ch.)	$305,197-Gr. II $202,069—22
2006-May 5 (8th) 1 1/16 Miles (8)	**Oonagh Maccool-IRE (4f)*** Charles Wacker III	Rafael Bejarano (117) **Todd Pletcher**	La Reason Gallant Secret	1:42.96 (fast) 1.60-1 (3 ¼ lengths)	Giant's Causeway Ireland (Ch.)	$271,000-Gr. II $140,127—21
2005-May 6 (8th) 1 1/16 Miles (9)	**Shadow Cast (4f)** William S. Farish Jr.	Robby Albarado (116) Neil Howard	Island Sand Storm's Darling	1:42.43 (fast) 3.90-1 (1 length)	Smart Strike Kentucky (Ch.)	$336,300-Gr. II $210,366—20
2004-Apr 30 (8th) 1 1/16 Miles (6)	**Lead Story (5m)** A. Stevens Miles Jr.	**Calvin Borel** (116) Carl Nafzger	Yell Cat Fighter	1:44.37 (sloppy) 10.00-1 (3/4 lengths)	Editor's Note Kentucky (Ch.)	$327,000-Gr. II $202,740—19
2003-May 2 (8th) 1 1/16 Miles (5)	**You (4f)*** Ed Gann	Jerry Bailey (118) Bobby Frankel	Fly Borboleta Seven Four Seven	1:43.21 (fast) 0.30-1 (**7 ¾ lengths**)	You and I Kentucky (Dk. B. or Br.)	$325,500-Gr. II $201,810—18
2002-May 3 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (6)	**Spain (5m)** **The Thoroughbred Corporation**	Jerry Bailey (118) D. Wayne Lukas	Mystic Lady De Bertie	1:43.93 (fast) 3.00-1 (1 ¼ lengths)	Thunder Gulch Kentucky (B.)	$332,700-Gr. II $206,274—17
2001-May 4 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (8)	**Saudi Poetry (4f)** **The Thoroughbred Corporation**	Victor Espinoza (112) Bob Baffert	Royal Fair Dreams Gallore	1:42.53 (fast) 14.00-1 (head)	Storm Cat Kentucky (Ch.)	$279,000-Gr. II $172,980—16
2000-May 5 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (6)	**Heritage of Gold (5m)** Jack Garey	Shane Sellers (119) Tom Amoss	Roza Robata Bella Chiarra	1:42.99 (fast) 2.20-1 (1 ¼ lengths)	Gold Legend Kentucky (B.)	$255,250-Gr. II $170,655—15
1999-Apr 30 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (6)	**Silent Eskimo (4f)** **John Franks**	**Calvin Borel** (113) Bobby Barnett	Lu Ravi* Leo's Gypsy Dancer	1:43.82 (fast) 5.90-1 (1 ¼ lengths)	Eskimo Florida (Ch.)	$268,250-Gr. II $169,415—14
1998-May 1 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (10)	**F-Escena (5m)*** **Allen Paulson**	Jerry Bailey (119) Bill Mott	One Rich Lady Three Fanfares	1:44.84 (fast) 0.70-1 (4 lengths)	Strawberry Road-AUS Kentucky (B.)	$287,750-Gr. II $178,405—13
1997-May 2 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (7)	**Halo America (7m)*** **John Franks**	**Calvin Borel** (120) Bobby Barnett	Escena Rare Blend	1:42.78 (fast) 0.80-1 (3 ½ lengths)	Waquoit Florida (Gr.)	$222,600-Gr. II $138,012—12
1996-May 3 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (6)	**F-Jewel Princess (4f)** Richard Stephen	Chris McCarron (118) Wally Dollase	Serena's Song* Naskra Colors	1:42.50 (fast) 2.00-1 (neck)	Key to the Mint Florida (B.)	$220,000-Gr. II $143,000—11
1995-May 5 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (9)	**Fit to Lead (5m)** J. Colbert, R. Hubbard & C. Sczesney	Kent Desormeaux (113) Richard Mandella	Jade Flush* Teewinot	1:43.46 (fast) 2.60-1 (1 ¼ lengths)	Fit to Fight Kentucky (Dk. B. or Br.)	$212,500-Gr. II $138,125—10
1994-May 6 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (7)	**One Dreamer (6m)** Glen Hill Farm	Gary Stevens (115) Tom Proctor	Kalita Melody-GB Added Asset	1:43.73 (wet fast) 2.00-1 (4 lengths)	Relaunch Florida (Gr.)	$210,200-Gr. II $136,630—9
1993-Apr 30 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (**12**)	**Quilma-CHI (6m)** Tri-Honors Stable	Jose Santos (113) Shug McGaughey III	Looie Capote* Hitch	1:44.61 (fast) 6.80-1 (3/4 lengths)	Semenenko Chile (Ch.)	$92,800-Gr. II $37,570—8
1992-May 1 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (7)	**Fowda (4f)** **Allen Paulson**	Pat Valenzuela (117) Richard Lundy	Dance Colony Fit for a Queen*	1:44.16 (fast) 3.10-1 (2 lengths)	Strawberry Road-AUS Kentucky (Ch.)	$155,000-Gr. II $100,750—7
1991-May 3 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (8)	**Fit for a Queen (5m)*** Hermitage Farm	Jerry Bailey (113) Steve Penrod	Crowned Topsa	1:43.13 (fast) 2.60-1 (5 lengths)	Fit to Fight New York (Ch.)	$156,200-Gr. II $101,530—6
1990-May 4 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (6)	**Connie's Gift (4f)** William S. Farish & W. S. Kilroy	Pat Day (111) Neil Howard	Affirmed Classic Barbarika*	1:45.80 (sloppy) 5.50-1 (3 lengths)	Nijinsky II Kentucky (B.)	$154,500-Gr. II $100,425—5
1989-May 5 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (6)	**Darien Miss (4f)*** Taylor Asbury & E. Andrews	Patrick Johnson (115) Rusty Arnold	Savannah's Honor Miss Barbour	1:46.00 (sloppy) 1.10-1 (1 ½ lengths)	Mr. Leader Kentucky (Dk. B. or Br.)	$155,000-Gr. III $100,750—4
1988-May 6 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (5)	**By Land By Sea (4f)*** Jayeff B. Stables & Brereton Jones	Fernando Toro (124) Gary Jones	Bound Bestofbothworlds	1:43.20 (fast) 0.40-1 (4 ½ lengths)	Sauce Boat Kentucky (B.)	$154,150-Gr. III $100,175—3
1987-May 1 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (6)	**Queen Alexandra (5m)** Mrs. Morton Rosenthal	Don Brumfield (117) George Baker	Infinidad I'm Sweets	1:42.80 (fast) 11.10-1 (3/4 lengths)	Determined King New York (Dk. B. or Br.)	$154,300 $100,295—2

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1986-May 3 (7th)	**Hopeful Word (5h)***	Pat Day (119)	Little Missouri	1:49.40 (fast)	Verbatim	$153,550
1 1/8 Miles (**4**)	Barrett Morris, Robert Doll & James Clifton	Carl Bowman	Czar Nijinsky	0.90-1 (1 ¼ lengths)	Kentucky (B.)	$99,808—1

*-Favorite . . . O-Kentucky Oaks Winner . . . F-Champion Older Female . . . For 3-Year-Olds & Up at 1 1/8 Miles in 1986 . . . Changed to Fillies & Mares, 3-Year-Olds & Up in 1987 . . . Race previously known as the Louisville Breeders' Cup Handicap (1986-2007) and Louisville Distaff (2008-09) . . . Rachel Alexandra named horse of the year in 2009 . . . Ginger Punch named champion older female in 2007 . . . Escena named champion older female in 1998 … Awarded Grade I status in 2014 … Presented by TwinSpires.com in 2021.

Most Wins, Jockey:	5, Calvin Borel (1997, '99, 2004, '07, '09)
Most Wins, Trainer:	3, Todd Pletcher (2006, '13, '16)
Most Wins, Owner:	2, Allen Paulson (1992, '98), John Franks (1997, '99) and The Thoroughbred Corporation (2001-02)
Most Wins, Horse:	no horse with more than one win
Most Starts:	3, La Reason (2004-06)
High $2 Win:	$35.40, Juanita (2012)
Low $2 Win:	$2.60, You (2003)
Largest Win Margin:	7 ¾ lengths, You (2003)
Smallest Win Margin:	head, Saudi Poetry (2001), Fiery Pursuit (2007), Unrivaled Belle (2010) and Authenticity (2013)
Largest Field Size:	12 (1993)
Smallest Field Size:	4 (1986)
Oldest Winner:	7-years-old, Halo America (1997)
Youngest Winner:	4-years-old
Favorites Record:	37-13-8-6 (Win=35.1%; ITM=73.0%)
Favorites who finished off-the-board:	Abel Tasman (4th in 2018 at 0.60-1); Paid Up Subscriber (4th in 2017 at 1.00-1); Indian Vale (4th in 2007 at 1.30-1); Star Parade-ARG (5th in 2005 at 2.50-1); Sightseek (4th in 2004 at 0.40-1); Forest Secrets (5th in 2002 at 1.10-1); Secret Status (6th in 2001 at 0.90-1); Silverbulletday (4th in 2000 at 0.90-1); Testy Trestle (5th in 1994 at 2.00-1)
Fastest Splits at 1 1/16-miles – ¼-mile:	:22.74, Resplendency (2005)
Fastest Splits at 1 1/16-miles – ½-mile:	:45.64, Resplendency (2005)
Fastest Splits at 1 1/16-miles – ¾-mile:	1:10.03, Fly Borboleta (2003)
Disqualifications:	none
Off-tracks:	Sloppy (1989-90, 2004, '07, '17); Wet Fast (1994); Good (2009)